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SUBJ: SEIZURE OF PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSEL

REF: STATE 23826

1. EMBASSY ADVISED GOP OF THE SEIZURE OF PANAMANIAN REGISTERED VESSEL STARFIRE (ALSO LISTED AS BALENBOUCHE) AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL. GOP ADVISES THAT ITS CONSULAR AND VESSELS OFFICE HAS INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHY THE NAME OF THE VESSEL WAS CHANGED FROM BALENBOUCHE TO STARFIRE WITHOUT THEIR APPROVAL. THE PANAMANIAN CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION FROM THE US AUTHORITIES IN MOBILE THAT THE VESSEL IS OF PANAMANIAN REGISTRY, SINCE THERE WERE NO REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS ONBOARD. GOP HAS REQUESTED THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN "OBTAINING CONCLUSIVE PROOF AGAINST THE VESSEL BALENBOUCHE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINITELY ORDERING THE CANCELLATION OF ITS REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PANAMANIAN LAW, SHOULD THE PROVEN FACTS JUSTIFY THIS ACTION."

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS VERIFICATION OF STARFIRE (NEE BALENBOUCHE) REGISTRATION, AND ANY AVAILABLE DETAILS CONCERNING NAME CHANGE OF VESSEL FOR FORWARDING TO GOP.

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